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DIST: 9 MARCH 1968

COUNTRY: LAOS
DOI: 9 MARCH 1968 EXCEPT AS STATED
SUBJECT: ENEMY ATTACK PREPARATIONS AGAINST PHOU PHA THI,
SITE 85

ACQ: LAOS, VIENTIANE (9 MARCH 1968) FIELD NO. [REDACTED]

SOURCE: [REDACTED]

1. THE MEMBERS OF AN AUTO-DEFENSE DE CHOC (ADC) TEAM AT UH 5845 COULD SEE 200 ENEMY SOLDIERS IN THE VICINITY OF UH 6042 DURING THE AFTERNOON OF 9 MARCH 1968. ANOTHER ADC TEAM COULD SEE 300 ENEMY TROOPS IN THE VICINITY OF UH 6061 AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME.

2. VILLAGERS WHO SERVED AS COURIERS FOR THE DEFENDERS OF PHOU PHA THI SAID THAT ON THE AFTERNOON OF 9 MARCH 300 ENEMY TROOPS WERE IN THE VICINITY OF UH 6256.

(FIELD COMMENT: OFFICERS AT PHOU PHA THI ESTIMATE THAT ABOUT 1,000 ENEMY TROOPS ARE MOVING ON PHOU PHA THI FROM

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THE SOUTH AND FROM THE WEST. NO PRECISE FIGURES ARE AVAILABLE BECAUSE THE ENEMY IS DEPLOYED IN A NUMBER OF SMALL CONCENTRATIONS.) THE SAME VILLAGERS SAID AN ENEMY FORCE ABOUT EIGHT KILOMETERS SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST OF PHOU PHA THI WAS LAYING TELEPHONE WIRE FOR USE WITH FIELD PHONES.

3. AFTER AIRCRAFT HAD HIT ENEMY POSITIONS AT UH 713531 AND UH 715535 ON 8 MARCH, A GUERRILLA TEAM FOUND THE BODIES OF 20 NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY SOLDIERS ON THE MORNING OF 9 MARCH.

4. FIELD DISSEM: STATE ARMY AIR USMACV 7TH AIR FORCE
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